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TAGS: OGEN, SOPN, UR, US  
SUBJECT: SLANDER CHARGES AGAINST TWO U.S.  
CORRESPONDENTS

REF: MOSCOW 15452

1. WHITNEY (N.Y. TIMES) WAS SERVED SUMMONS TO  
APPEAR IN COURT TOMORROW (AUGUST 3) 1300 LOCAL  
TIME. HE ACCEPTED SUMMONS AND WAS TOLD ATTEMPT  
HAD BEEN MADE TO SERVE PIPER (BALTIMORE SUN) AS  
WELL. PIPER CURRENTLY  
VACATIONING IN U.S. AND EXPECTED TO RETURN TO  
MOSCOW AUGUST 14.

2. FOLLOWING VISIT FROM PROCESS SERVER, WHITNEY  
MET WITH HIS SOVIET LAWYER WHO INFORMED HIM THAT  
IF HE DOES NOT APPEAR IN COURT, HE WILL PROBABLY  
BE FINED FIFTY (50) RUBLES. IF HE FAILS TO  
MAKE RETRACTION, HE CAN BE REPEATEDLY FINED UNTIL  
TOTAL REACHES THREE HUNDRED (300) RUBLES.  
ACCORDING TO LAWYER, PROCESS OF INCREMENTAL FINES  
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CAN THEN BE RE-INITIATED UNTIL THREE HUNDRED  
(300) RUBLES IS AGAIN REACHED, AFTER WHICH CASE  
DIES NATURAL DEATH.

3. WHITNEY HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT HE DOES  
NOT INTEND TO APPEAR IN COURT TOMORROW, AND  
THAT IF FINED HE WILL PROBABLY DO SO UNDER STRONG

PROTEST. TOON

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